



PATENT  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : William FORD et al.  
Serial No. : 10/008,179  
For : **LINKER MOLECULES FOR SELECTIVE  
METALLISATION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS AND THEIR  
USES**  
Filed : December 7, 2001  
Examiner : Ardin H. Marschel  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.  
 The fee has been calculated as shown below.

**Claims as Amended**

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	11	Minus	30	0	\$18 (9)	\$0
Independent claims	1	Minus	3	0	\$86 (43)	\$0
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$0

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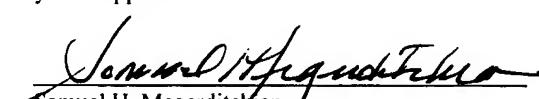
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Respectfully submitted,

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